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INTERNATIONAL BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON EUTELSAT S.A. PETITION FOR CLARIFICATION OR DECLARATORY RULING REGARDING NOTICES OF "NON-ROUTINE" SATELLITE AND EARTH STATION POWER LEVELS PURSUANT TO SECTION 25.140(d)

IB Docket No. 12-267

Comment Date: October 29, 2018

Reply Comment Date: November 13, 2018

Eutelsat S.A. has petitioned the International Bureau to clarify or issue a declaratory ruling to remove alleged uncertainty regarding the policies associated with notifications of "non-routine" earth station and space station transmission levels submitted under Section 25.140(d) of the Commission's rules.¹ Eutelsat seeks clarification, or a declaratory ruling, that (i) continuation of non-routine transmission levels notified by a satellite operator pursuant to Section 25.140(d) is limited to previously authorized power levels; and (ii) inaccurate information in Section 25.140(d) notifications cannot enable higher-power operations or constrain the operation of a satellite operating at routine power levels.

We seek comment on these and any other issues raised by the petition.

Pursuant to Section 1.2 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR § 1.2, interested parties may file comments and reply comments on or before the dates indicated on the first page of this document. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS). *See Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (1998).

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¹ See 47 CFR § 25.140(d); Notifications of "Non-Routine" Transmission Levels, Public Notice, DA 18-779 (Int'l Bur., Sat. Div., Satellite Policy Branch, released July 26, 2018).

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